

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
October 22, 2010

The Domestic Relations Committee met jointly with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana at the Indiana Judicial Center from 10:30 a.m. – 2:10 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2010.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Karen M. Love, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, Richard R. Stalbrink, Dean A. Young, and William C. Fee, Chair, were present from the Domestic Relations Committee and Larry J. Ambler, Thomas K. Milligan, Edward J. Nemeth, Mary Ann Oldham, Victoria M. Ransberger, Kim Van Valer and K. Mark Loyd, Chair, were also present from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.
2. Staff present. Julia Orzeseke, Executive Director, Indiana Commission on Continuing Legal Education, Jeffrey Bercovitz and Jennifer L. Weber, Indiana Judicial Center provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Bob Monday, PACE; Stuart Showalter, Indiana Custodial Rights Advocates, and Therin Showalter were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on August 20, 2010 were approved by the committee.
5. Review of Draft Parenting Coordination Rule.
 - a. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed a draft “Indiana Rules for Parenting Coordination” dated October 22, 2010 for discussion purposes. He said it was not a public document at this time.
 - b. Magistrate Bobay thanked subcommittee members and staff in the development of this draft rule. He reported the subcommittee believed this should be a stand-alone rule, sources of various portions of the rule were noted, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts guidelines were very helpful in development of the rule, and a table of contents may be needed.
 - c. Magistrate Bobay, Magistrate Ransberger, and Magistrate Raduenz reviewed the draft rule with the joint committee.
 - d. The members of the joint committee discussed the draft rule. They agreed the subcommittee would make revisions based on the comments, would prepare a commentary to the rule, and should bring it back to the joint committee on Friday, January 21, 2011 for consideration. The members of the joint committee discussed public input to the rule if it goes forward and consideration of a proposed rule by the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference of Indiana.
6. Family Court conference. Magistrate Raduenz agreed to summarize the work of the committee on the parenting time guidelines at the Family Court Annual Meeting on November 12.
7. Future meeting dates. Committee members agreed to cancel the meetings on Thursday, November 18, 2010 and October 21, 2011. They agreed to meet again on Friday, November 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and January 21, February 18, March 18, May 20, July 15, August 19, and November 18, 2011 at the Judicial Center.

They also agreed to meet in conjunction with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Regional Meeting in Indianapolis on Oct. 27-29, 2011 in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

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